

Subject code	Subject group	Credits	Subject certified	Subject certification valid until	Reg. No.
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<b>Course type (compulsory or optional)</b>	<b>optional</b>
<b>Course level (study cycle)</b>	<b>Master</b>
<b>Semester the course is delivered</b>	<b>autumn</b>
<b>Study form (face-to-face or distant)</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>

**Course Title in Lithuanian**

POLITIKA IR TARPTAUTINIAI SANTYKIAI TOLIMUOSIUOSE RYTUOSE

**Course Title in English**

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE FAR EAST

**Course Description in English**

Throughout the course students will become acquainted with theories of the strategic choice paradigm as they pertain to the study of international relations. Competing schools of thought, such as (neo)realism, liberalism, Marxism, structuralism and others will be also discussed, but will not be studied in depth. Students will learn to apply the theories of war, peacemaking, bargaining, alliance-building, international law, international trade and regionalism to the context of East Asia. They will also acquaint themselves with pertinent empirical information, regarding the historical and contemporary developments in East Asia.

**Requirements for the Course**

Introduction to political science.

**Aims of the Course**

Upon completion of the course a student shall be able to:

- understand the cutting edge theories pertaining to key fields of international relations study;
- apply theoretical tools in the analysis of historical and contemporary global events;
- apply theoretical tools in the analysis of East Asian international relations;
- understand consequences and limitations of trying to apply “Western” international relations theories in the context of East Asian cultures and politics;
- operate a rich repository of empirical information about East Asian politics.

**Topics, Covered in the Course**

1. Scientific method. Why create theories? A Proper way to build a theory. Choosing among theories.
2. State and anarchy. Levels of analysis. System of modern states. Nationalism. Anarchy and hierarchy. (Neo)realism, (neo)liberalism, Marxism, structuralism and other theories of international relations.
3. Interaction between domestic and international politics. Domestic interests. Limitations on implementation of interests. Collective action problems. Pessimistic implications about democracy.
4. Rational decision-making. Assumption of rationality and rational choice models. Criticism and enduring value of rational choice models. Theories of strategic choice.
5. Negotiation and trust. Conflict and cooperation. Negotiations and expectations. Negotiations and power. Strategic communication.
6. Military conflict. War as an instrument of politics. War and the human nature. War and the organizational structure of a state. The effect of war on international system.
7. Reasons of war. Rational explanations of war. Indivisible goals. Asymmetrical information. Commitment (time inconsistency) problem. Costs of peace.
8. Deterrence and compellence. Strategic use of force. Deterring opponents. Types of

- deterrence. Compellence. The logic of costs and benefits.
9. Strategic bluffing. The scenario of a nuclear strike. Negotiating during a crisis. Threats and credibility. Strategic irrationality. Threats and chance. Limited responses to threats.
  10. Security dilemma. Assuring your partners. Deal-making in anarchic conditions. Inescapability of the dilemma. Possible solutions.
  11. The Melian Dialogue. International law. *Jus ad bellum*. *Jus in bello*. Implementation of International law.
  12. International trade. Why participate in international trade? Why protectionism is rational? Types of protectionism. Economic threats.
  13. International public goods. Characteristics of public goods. Collective action problem in an international context. Transaction costs. Institutions and norms.
  14. Regional integration. Regional trading blocks. Regional institutions. Integration in security matters. Issues regarding transfer of sovereignty to international institutions.

#### **Time-Distribution of the Course**

Lectures 30 hours, seminars 15 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 100 hours.

#### **Evaluation of Results**

Participation in seminars: 20%, mid-term exam 10%, term paper: 20%, exam 50 %

#### **Selected Readings**

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- Kang, David C. 2003. "International Relations Theory and the Second Korean War," *International Studies Quarterly*, 47, pp. 301-324.
- Xuetong Yan. 2003. "Decade of peace in East Asia," *East Asia*, Vol. 20, No 4, pp. 29 – 51.
- Jung Hoon Lee and Il Hyun Cho. 2000. "The North Korean Missiles: A Military Threat or a Survival Kit?" *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, Vol XI, No. 1, pp. 131-164
- Tamotsu Fukuda. 2002. "Managing the Security Dilemma in East Asia: The Potential and Performance of Confidence Building Measures," Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies and The Australian National University Technical Report.
- Van Ness, Peter. 2008. "Designing a mechanism for multilateral security cooperation in North East Asia," Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University Working Paper, 2008/1
- Urata, Shujiro. 2007. "Japan's FTA Strategy and a Free Trade area of Asia Pacific," in *An APEC Trade Agenda? The Political Economy of a Free Trade Area in the Asia Pacific*. A Joint Study by The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council and the APEC Business Advisory Council, pp. 71 – 90.
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